Free Sale cement

There is no price control on Non-levy Cement. Actual market price fluctuates from place to place and on day-to-day basis. Cement Manufacturers' Association, however, have fixed upper ceiling for free sale cement as under:—

States	Upto 28-2-1983	1-3-83 to 21-1-85	22nd Jan. '85 onwards
Kerala, Maharashtra, J & K, Assam and North Eastern States	60·00	64·00	64·00
All other States	56·00	60·00	65·00

NOTE:—Above retail prices are inclusive of rail freight upto the destination railhead, central sale tax, stockists' margin but are exclusive of local sale tax and local levies.

(c) The FOR price of levy cement was increased from 1982-83 below:—

Period	F.O.R increased	Remarks
1982	NIL	
1983-84 2-7-83	Rs. 52.00 per tonne	This was on account of incidence for increase in rail freight rates.
1984-85 18-7-84	Rs. 40.00 per tonne	This was on account of increase in the retention price given to industry to compensate for the increase in prices of inputs.

As regards non-levey cement, it is free from price and distribution control from 28-2-1982.

(d) The increase in FOR price has been granted on account of increase in the cost of production/increase in rail •freight rates. No assessment has been made in regard to the additional resources realised through enhancement of cement prices yearwise from 1982-83.

Cement production target

2119. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set for the production of cement in the country for the current year; and

(b) what is the actual production of cement during the same period with aetails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH):(a) The production of cement for the current year 1985-86 has been fixed at 33.5 millions tonnes.

(b) Actual production of cemeni d lying the first seven months (April-October' 85) Of the current financial yc was about 18.52 million tonnes.

Incentives to MRTH Companies to up industries in backward areas

2120. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give new incentives to ensure